

## THE GREAT HAYDEN TRIAL.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE SCENE IN THE COURT HOUSE AT NEW HAVEN.

Old Ben Stevens Brought in Wrapped in a Bed Quilt—His Appearance on the Witness Stand—A Direct Contradiction of Mr. Hayden's Testimony—A Sunday Club Covered with Hair and Blood—Mrs. Ward's Story.

The forty-eighth day of the Hayden trial drew a full attendance. The male residents of Rockland were out in all their unique glory, arrayed in antique bell-crowned hats, barn-door pantaloons, buckskin watch guards, collared shirts, and cowhide boots. Mr. Hayden and his relatives were early in their seats, listening to the jingling of sleighbells outside. The contending lawyers settled themselves like chess players, and the game was continued by placing Mrs. Loren Stevens on the witness stand. She testified that she attended the oyster supper in March, 1878, and could not find Mr. Hayden there between 10 and 11 o'clock. On cross-examination she said that she knew of his absence only from hearing persons inquiring for him.

Water L. Green, a regular attendant of the Methodist church in Rockland, testified that on the day after the homicide he met Mr. Hayden in the stationery store of the Peacock, not far from 9 o'clock. Mr. Hayden said he was going to Talcott Davis's house. Between 10 and 12 o'clock he again saw the same man in the street. He afterward overtook him before the spring. Both were in bushes. Mr. Huntington, who was in the wagon with Mr. Green, asked him if Mr. Green, "to stop his wagon, as I wished to speak with him." He said he would when he got down from the wagon. Mr. Green then asked him what he thought about it. He said that he didn't know what she had been or had got into trouble, and that he did not care about it. Mr. Green, however, said that she had committed suicide. He said that she had been down-hearted and low-spirited for some time, and he thought that if the coroner's jury found her dead, she might have brought in a verdict of suicide.

Oramel Huntington corroborated Mr. Green's testimony.

## OLD BEN STEVENS ON THE STAND.

There was a struggle to get into the court room during the recess. Old Ben Stevens, once suspected of the murder, had been brought to the Tonino House from Rockland, and had been surrounded by a crowd of spectators. The report of his arrival was quickly spread, and hundreds of ladies flocked to the court house, more than half of them in an entrance. The crowd was so dense that the Sheriff ordered all persons standing in the rear of the court room to retire to the outer porch. The police and the chief investigator were placed on the witness stand. Five minutes later the old man was brought into the room in an armchair, a stick and a pad in a bedquilt. He wore a soft black hat. His pale face and his sunken eyes told the story of his sickness. Finally he sat in the chair, and took a long, slow drink from a bottle, and let his head drop back on a pillow. He clasped his bony hands across his chest, crossed his legs, and waited for the opening of the session. Dr. J. Lloyd Haigh, the physician, was stationed at his side. At Mr. Waller's request the feeble old man held up his right hand and recited the oath. The back part of the court room was quickly crowded with standing persons. As Mr. Waller began to question the witness the room became silent.

"My name is Benjamin Stevens," he said. "I was born in New Haven. I was born in 1804, and have lived here ever since. I have a family of four children—three boys and a girl. They are all married, and all gone from home. I have a son named Charles Standard ever since he was a little boy. Forty years ago, I knew his daughter Mary. On the night before the homicide I was over to Standard's. There was a great many people there, and there was singing and dancing. I didn't dance. It was four or five miles from Charles Standard's house. I stayed up all night, and went home in the morning. Afterward I went over to Charles Standard's house."

This was the morning of the murder. Back to the house he went, and remained there until 11 A.M., when Mr. Hayden came.

"I was there when he came in," he said.

"What were you doing at the time?" asked Mr. Waller.

"I was sitting in the front room, and I was reading a book."

"Did you hear him ask for water?" asked Mr. Waller.

"Yes, I heard him ask for water."

"Did you give him any water?" asked Mr. Waller.

"No, I did not give him any water."

"Did you hear him ask for a cigarette?" asked Mr. Waller.

"Yes, I heard him ask for a cigarette."

"Did you give him any cigarette?" asked Mr. Waller.

"No, I did not give him any cigarette."

"Did you hear him ask for a cigar?" asked Mr. Waller.

"Yes, I heard him ask for a cigar."

"Did you give him any cigar?" asked Mr. Waller.

"No, I did not give him any cigar."

"Did you hear him ask for a pipe?" asked Mr. Waller.

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